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JFK's Military Alter Ego

FANS of Gen. Maxwell Taylor, the President's new "military representative," contend he is one of the most brilliant men produced by the military in recent years.

Those not so enamored say that althe he performed outstandingly in War II and as commander of the Eighth Army in the Korean War, he was something less than a shining success as Army Chief of Staff-a post he quit in 1959 in a huff over policies of the Eisenhower Administration.

His appointment to help JFK on military decisions and to keep an eye on our intelligence operations shows, of course, what President Kennedy thinks of him.

The President is entitled to whatever aid he thinks is necessary. Gen. Taylor is exceptionally well educated and trained. Among other things in his past, he was the first United States commander at Berlin after the war and thus has first-hand knowledge of that situation. He is diplomat enough not to create undue friction between the White House and the Pentagon.

Gen. Taylor may be just what the President needs to avoid more debacles such as Cuba. If he can help his new boss avoid that kind of fiasco, he'll deserve a fifth star.